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CITY FIRE PROTECTION

THE town of Tonopah is incurring an expense of something over \$12,000 in providing a high pressure water system which will be placed in commission in a few days. The lack of pressure has always been one of the drawbacks to successfully coping with conflagrations in the camp as the several blocks of ruins on Brounger avenue will testify. Now that this deficiency has been supplied it is time for the town trustees to give some attention to the discipline and organization of the fire department. The insurance rates in Tonopah have not been reduced nor will they be reduced until such time as the citizens of the town demonstrate their capacity for self government in taking care of their own households. Up to date this has not been done. Especially in the case of the fire department there has been a lamentable lack of improvement which can be ascribed only to the absence of discipline due to nepotism which has mortgaged the positions in that service as heirlooms for the officeholders. It would pay the county to give Tonopah the very best talent that can be had to look after the necessary fire protection and there should not be any hesitation about doing so. Other cities of greater importance than Tonopah have found it expedient to go outside to secure men specially equipped for this peculiar duty. One case of this kind has been Goldfield where the fire department has maintained a high record of efficiency that won the confidence of the people and justified the county commissioners in dealing generously with requirements of the service. Goldfield contains more flimsy structures than Tonopah. That town lacks the substantial rock buildings that are found on the principal business streets of this camp but it is an incontrovertible fact that Goldfield has never suffered from a disastrous fire. In nearly every instance the fire department succeeded in restricting the fire to the building where it originated. The secret of this success is that the fire department has been taken out of politics and the head chosen for his recognized ability as proven by experience. When it was necessary to go outside to produce the right talent the county did not pause or hesitate but went about the job of naming a responsible head in the most deliberate manner. Beginning first by consulting the underwriters, the citizens advisory committee sifted out the candidates until they found one who was capable of organizing and maintaining an organization on the highest standard.

The Tonopah Bonanza bears no ill will to any one but it is here to stay and stay without regard to persecution or prosecution. There is no denying that the county and town are sadly in need of reorganization in the interest of economy and this paper is going to stay with the job until its objects are accomplished.

BETTER BOOST THE BUNCO LAND GAME

THE LOS ANGELES TRIBUNE goes a long distance out of its legitimate way to take a crack at mining investments which it decries as the cheapest kind of confidence game devised to entrap the unwary into separation from their money. Emanating from the southern metropolis where some of the best buildings have been erected from the profits derived from mine investments the statement comes with bad grace and suggestive that Los Angeles real estate sharks are jealous of the amount of money diverted from their clutches to investments in southern Nevada and Arizona. The fact that the last official statement compiled by the Mining and Engineering World shows that last month mines capitalized at \$194,715,537 had up to date returned to stockholders dividends totalling \$284,158,403 or an average of better than 271 per cent on the investment is not taken into consideration by the Tribune.

Los Angeles has always been recognized as the home of pikers who gain a living by working the suckers within their gates and deluding the tenderfoot from the east into loading up with high priced real estate. The best criterion of the class of business men in that community was afforded by the experience of Goldfield eight years ago during the session of the Mining Congress in that town. San Francisco was interested in making the affair a great success since it was the first time that the Mining Congress had found a mining camp sufficiently stable to entertain the thousand delegates who usually attend the deliberations. Therefore San Francisco came down into the desert with a special train and a brass band of thirty pieces and proceeded to boost for the gold camp. Goldfield about that time had been connected with Los Angeles by a direct line of railroad and the citizens of Goldfield thought it would be a good stroke of business to invite the southern brokers to come as their guests. The reply was received that the alleged mining exchange could not entertain the invitation, but would cheerfully come providing all bills and expenses were guaranteed. Goldfield could not back out. A special train was ordered, the services of the local brass band were placed at the disposal of the pikers who came to the tune of two score or more. These visitors did not spend a cent during their stay but could always be found in the front row whenever the feed troughs were filled. They staid with the game until the funds ran out and Goldfield was on the point of kicking out their southern guests when a clever railroad man suggested a scheme by which the last resort could be avoided. The Los Angeles delegates were quietly told that the time limit of their passes had run out and that they would have to leave on the next train. That was the only way Goldfield got rid of the Los Angeles "mining men" who knew more about a free lunch than they knew about a hole in the ground. Ever since that Goldfield and Tonopah smile when the name of Los Angeles is mentioned.

The more the merrier. Let them all come for, when they get through, there will not be a corporal's guard remaining to run for the county offices. The position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is the tempting bait held out to the Democrats of Nevada. Everybody is after it and judging from the numbers of announcements it appears the law has been very poor pickings or the office must have some unseen prestige to make the position so attractive.

In Reno the official dogcatcher impounds his quarry for several days and, then, if there is no call for the animal he is put out of his misery in the most humane way. This is one illustration of how much better other cities attend to business without hurting the feelings of the public or outraging the sense of decency.

CLIPPED AND CREDITED

The Germans are slow about taking Verdun.—Birmingham Ledger.

Villa is not so much an individual as he is the type of lower class Mexicans.—Birmingham Ledger.

It takes an unruffled optimist to see anything humorous in all these "serious situations."—Atlantic Constitution.

A contemporary says El Paso has become a big new center. Probably meant to say "rumor distributor."—Birmingham Ledger.

An Iowa soda fountain has just exploded injuring two men. The country has long been suspicious of Iowa soda.—Minneapolis Journal.

Representative Hay, whose enthusiasm for preparedness has limped painfully, will have some difficulty in recognizing his army reorganization bill in the form in which it came from the senate.—Rochester Democrat.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS LEADS TO THE EDUCATION OF WORKERS

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13. — Plans for the extension of the anti-tuberculosis campaign among the working men and women of the country were outlined by Dr. Charles J. Hatfield, the executive secretary of the national association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis, in an address before the sociological section of the association here last evening.

Dr. Hatfield said:

"Local tuberculosis relief associations among the working men and women of this country have for the most part taken four forms: those in which the employees and the employer have both contributed on a more or less fixed basis; those in which the employers only have contributed; those in which the working men have appealed to the general community for the establishment of a sanatorium; and those in which the labor unions have controlled the work for the relief of fellow members. There are besides these four forms of organization the large number of general benefit associations in shops and stores, and the splendid work of the large international unions such as the typographical, printing pressmen, photo-engravers, cigarmakers and others.

"In Hartford and other Connecticut cities a form of organization has grown up in which the workers contribute whatever they are able to a free tuberculosis bed fund, and the employers generally equal the joint

contribution of their employees. This money is then used in treatment of tuberculous men and women in state sanatoria, so that by offering treatment at reduced rates, the state also in effect contributes a share.

"The National association urges that in every industrial city and town some special effort be made to organize the working men and women in the anti-tuberculosis campaign. This organization should preferably be under control and leadership of the local central anti-tuberculosis association and it should have the following features:

"A plan of collection of funds which would bring contributions both from employees and from employers.

"A system of periodic medical examination so arranged that it would discover and control early cases of tuberculosis and other diseases, and that it would also provide for the suitable employment of the convalescent worker.

"A division of responsibility which would throw much of the care of relief of the tuberculosis working men upon the shoulders of the special organizations of the men themselves.

"The opportunity to collect statistical material should be recognized and the working men themselves should be impressed through every possible means the necessity and desirability of this type of co-operation."

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